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The disclosure of this prior parent application, as well as any applications from which this prior application may claim priority, is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Enclosed are:

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Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: -This is a continuation of Serial No. 09/530 347, filed April 25, 2000.---

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- [X] Priority is claimed under 35 USC 119 based on Japanese Application No. 244671/1998, filed August 31, 1998.[X] The certified copy has been filed in the national stage of the parent application.
- [X] The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to Dale H. Thiel (Reg. No. 24323), David G. Boutell (Reg. No. 25072), Ronald J. Tanis (Reg. No. 22724), Terryence F. Chapman (Reg. No. 32549), Mark L. Maki (Reg. No. 36589), all of 2026 Rambling Road, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49008.
 - [X] The Power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
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- [X] The prior application is assigned of record to NOF CORPORATION and Junzo SUNAMOTO.

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